

(d) whether all the children that have been detained in the Chicago of US have been sent back are still there; and

(e) the preventive measures being considered by the Government to stop such illegal transportation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) From Time to time Government receives reports of instances wherein Indian Children have been illegally transported to foreign countries.

(b) As per information available with Government, 18 children were detained in a Juvenile facility maintained by the Immigration and Naturalisation Services, Chicago, USA. Since then one of the children has returned to India after his parents organised a return ticket for him. 15 of the 17 children have provided some details about family members in India.

The State Governments of Gujrat and Punjab have been requested to not only contact the relatives so that the children may be deported back to India and handed over to their parents/relatives, but also to enquire into the circumstances under which these children left India. The delay in deportation is due to the fact that the parents of the remaining children on their own have not got in touch either with the Indian Consulate in Chicago or with the US Authorities.

(c) To (e) Government of India is in touch with the Government of the United States of America to determine what preventive measures, if any, need to be taken to stop illegal transportation of children. Only one child has been sent back to India. The particulars of the parents of the other children are yet not known.

Commercialisation of DDA Land

1267. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem "DDA gives away prime land to Sterre Sharma's Trust, free of Cost" appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated July 5th 1997;

the facts of the matter reported therein of the Government thereto;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the Sterre Sharma's Trust for violating the rules and against the erring officials; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to recover the land from the said Trust ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DDA has reported that no land has been allotted to the Kalakar Trust. However the Trust, which is a non-Governmental organisation engaged in the welfare of Kathputli artists of Rajasthan, nats, snake-charmers and jugglers living in Delhi, has been permitted to use 3 acres of un-developed land on licence fee basis in village Saidul Azaib for putting up an Open Air Theatre under the condition that the ownership of the land will remain with the DDA. The Trust would not be entitled to allot the theatre to any individual or organisation under any condition.

(c) and (d) In view of above, the question does not arise.

Housing for Migrant Labour

1268. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been conducted by the Government to assess the impact of the economic reforms on the unemployment situation and on the environmental conditions under which labour is living particularly in the metropolitan cities of Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Ahmedabad and Madras etc; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken to provide housing facilities for millions of labourers who are migrating to the cities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Respiratory Infections

1269. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the increase in the number of respiratory diseases affected persons in the country;